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1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF SOURCES, BOTH CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND PRIME MINISTER TANAKA ADOPTED RESTRAINED, CAUTIOUS APPROACHES TO ISSUE OF JAPANESE ASSOCIATION WITH ATLANTIC DECLARATION(S) OF PRINCIPLES. IN DISCUSSING JAPANESE ROLE, BOTH LEADERS PLACED EMPHASIS ON PRIORITY ATTENTION REQUIRED TO US/JAPANESE AND EC/JAPANESE RELATIONS AND SHIED AWAY FROM CREATION OF TRIANGULAR US/EUROPEAN/JAPANESE RELATIONSHIP, WHETHER VIA CHAPEAU OR OTHERWISE.

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2. FONOFF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR WESTERN

EUROPE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EAST ASIA DEPT. SAID JAPANESE ROLE IN ATLANTIC DIALOGUE WAS TOUCHED ON BY BRANDT AND TANAKA ONLY GINGERLY AND IN RATHER GENERAL WAY. FONOFF SOURCES SAID THE TONE OF THE DISCUSSION WAS SET BY BRANDT AND THE JAPANESE ROLE WAS PRIMARILY ONE OF REACTION. BRANDT SAID THAT EUROPEANS ARE GIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANS ATLANTIC DIALOGUE AND FELT THAT THIS DIALOGUE REQUIRES FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEANS AND THE US BEFORE THE JAPANESE COULD JOIN IN. OUR SOURCES NOTED THAT THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND MOST OTHER EC-9 REPS SHARE THIS VIEW.

3. OUR SOURCES SAY TANAKA REPLIED THAT JAPAN HAD ITS OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US AND, ALTHOUGHT IT IS GOOD, IT NEEDS EXPANSION AND INTENSIFICATION BEFORE ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN TOWARD A BALANCED TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP INCLUDING THE US AND THE EUROPEANS. IT WAS, IN SHORT, PREMATURE IN TOKYO'S VIEW TO THINK OF JAPANESE ASSOCIATION IN DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.
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